

THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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Notice.

Dec. 23rd, 1903.
Headquarters Co. K. 1st Reg. V. N. G.
The members of Co. K. will assemble for drill, at the Armory, on Tuesday January 5 1904. Per order.
R. C. Graves, Captain Com'd'g.

NOTICE!

Bennington County Savings Bank.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bennington County Savings Bank will be held at the office of said bank in its bank building in Bennington, Vt., on the first Wednesday, (6th day) of January, A. D. 1904, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business found necessary when met, especially to fill vacancies in the number of stockholders and to alter and revise the by-laws.

E. H. DEWEY, Secretary.
Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 28, 1903. 44w8

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Bennington, Vt., will be held at the banking rooms on Tuesday Jan. 11, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year. L. A. GRAVES, Cashier.
Bennington, Vt., Dec. 8, 1903.

KING JOLLITY AT THE OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT.

Wales' New Musical Comedy Ready for Its First Production before a Bennington Audience.



TO PRISON TOMORROW

Tonight Mrs. Rogers' Last in Bennington.

DOES'T EXPECT TO HANG

Although Her Appeal for New Trial is Waived Expects Legislature to Commute.

Mrs. Mary Rogers and Leon Perham are to be taken tomorrow to the state prison at Windsor to expiate their crime. Tonight will be their last night in Bennington.

Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Nash will accompany them and turn them over to the officers of the prison. They are expected to leave here on the 7:55 train in the morning.

The conviction and sentence of death of Mrs. Mary Rogers recalls the fact that she is the second that has received sentence of death in the Bennington court house.

The first was Edson Fuller who 25 years ago was sentenced to be hung for the deliberate murder of a man in Readshoro. Fuller was a man well along in years and at that time the sentence would have probably been carried out only that Fuller took his own life.

He was being held in jail here pending arguments for a new trial. One Sunday morning the jailer going to open his cell door to find Fuller suspended from the cell door having hung himself with a red handkerchief. Previous to that he had attempted to cut his throat but did not succeed.

Mrs. Rogers mother left her probably for the last time Tuesday noon. The sentenced woman showed more emotion at that time than she has since she has been in jail. Later in the afternoon she showed more and for some time was in tears. She is beginning to realize that she is in a bad situation as there is a possibility that the legislature may not commute her sentence to life imprisonment.

She is considerably cast down over not hearing anything from Stella Bates since she left jail. Mrs. Rogers did not think that Stella would desert her so quickly.

It is reported that Stella Bates did not remain with her sister in Troy only one night, but that the next day she went to a small village down theudson where she is not known, and where she will have a chance to redeem her character.

NORTH POWNAL

Miss Bessie L. Gardner, a student of Northfield seminary, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr and D. C. Gardner.

Mr and Mrs M. E. Higgins have returned home from a visit with relatives in Huntington, Mass.

Weather Forecast.

Fair, colder tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness probably followed by snow.

C. E. ROSENBERY

Died at His Home in Pownal November 30.

Channey E. Rosenbury died at his home, Nov. 30, at the age of 80 years, after an illness of two weeks. The cause of his death was heart failure.

The funeral was held at the house Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and was largely attended by friends and relatives. Rev. Owen James, pastor of the Congregational church officiated. The burial was in the family lot in the Gardner cemetery.

Mr. Rosenbury was born in Pownal, on the farm which was cleared in the early days of our country and settled by the original Rosenbury family and which is now owned by S. J. Milled. He was the youngest of nine children and married Miss Celestia Mattison daughter of Mr and Mrs Alpha Mattison, and has since made his home in Pownal.

While Mr. Rosenbury was a prosperous farmer, he has held many positions of responsibility in the town, being Justice of the Peace and Grand Juror for many years, proving faithful and true in each.

He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and had few if any enemies. The deceased leaves a widow to whom he was a devoted husband, and to her his death is a severe bereavement.

BEACH-FREEMAN.

Marriage of Dr. David N. Beach to Miss Dora Freeman of Hampton Institute.

News has come of the marriage in Wakefield, Mass., December 78, by Dr. H. B. Frissell, Principal of Hampton Institute, assisted by the Rev. A. P. Davis of Wakefield and the Rev. H. P. Beach, Educational Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, Miss Dora Freeman of Hampton Institute to Dr. David N. Beach, president of Bangor Theological Seminary. No cards.

The groom will be remembered as a former Bennington schoolboy and a frequent visitor here since.

CLUB OFFICERS.

Newly Organized Canadian-American Club A nual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian-American club Tuesday evening these officers were elected for the coming year:—

President, Napoleon Talbot; vice-president, Ernest Marcoux; secretary, Azarins Benoit; treasurer, Frank Pelletier.

The club has just been re-organized and has nicely fitted up rooms in the old "mill store" and is receiving additions to its membership every week.

WITHOUT REQUISITION.

Erskine and Seale Brought Back To Town By Sheriff Wilson.

A message from Sheriff Wilson was received this morning stating that Erskine and Seale had consented to return to this state from Maine without a requisition and that the party were in Boston last night.

They left that city this morning intending to reach here at 4 this afternoon.

MAKES LOVE IN COURT

Mrs. Moffat Weeps on Her Husband's Neck.

IN POISONING CASE.

Joseph Mears, the Principal Witness, Brought Here Today from Windsor Prison.

The trial of Mrs. Moffat of Sandgate for the alleged attempt to poison her husband proves even more interesting than expected.

Mrs. Moffat appears in court wearing a brilliant blue velvet gown and a new hat of the latest pattern.

When the testimony appeared to tend strongly against her, Mrs. Moffat leans over and weeps on her husband's shoulder. Although she is accused of trying to murder him by a most cruel and diabolical method, her husband comforts and caresses her.

Mr. Moffat, during his examination by Mr. Batchelder, told the circumstances of the alleged poisoning.

In January, he, Mrs. Moffat and Joseph Mears attended a dance in Shushan. Moffat returned home late at night but Mrs. Moffat refused to accompany him and reached home the next morning in company with Mears. Moffat discharged Mears and Mrs. Moffat left her husband.

With the hope of getting his wife back home, Moffat took Mears into his employ again. Mrs. Moffat then visited her husband occasionally, but did not come to stay; she was then living at Mr. Conkey's in Sandgate.

Mears did the cooking. In the early part of February he prepared some pan-cakes for breakfast. Moffat ate them and shortly afterward became ill. After breakfast Mears emptied what was left of the pancake batter into a brook which runs near Moffat's house. Moffat, however, recovered.

It is charged that "rough-on-rats" was mixed with the pancake preparation.

Friday night, February 21st, Mears returned from a trip to Shushan and brought with him a bottle of whiskey which he gave to Moffat.

Moffat took a good sized drink when he was going to bed and in a short time was attacked with nausea and cramps.

He took an antidote which gave him relief but he continued to feel unwell until Monday, when his married daughter came to the house and sent for a doctor. The doctor arrived Tuesday and symptoms of poisoning by corrosive sublimate were discovered.

Moffat seems inclined to favor his wife and to throw the entire guilt onto Mears.

During Moffat's examination by Mr. Batchelder, the defendant's attorney, Mr. Moloney objected to almost every other question.

Several witnesses testified as to the relations between Mrs. Moffat and Mears.

Ray Bentley, a Sandgate constable, assisted in the arrest of Mears and testified that Mrs. Moffat was violently agitated when Mears was taken into custody, and shed many tears.

Mrs. Stella Conkey said in testifying that while the respondent was living at her house, Moffat came there and asked Mrs. Moffat to return and live with him and if she did not, he would take a dose which he had fixed up.

Clarence Mears, brother of Joseph Mears, testified that he came to Bennington with Mrs. Moffat to see his brother and that on their return they walked from Arlington to Sandgate, a distance of seven miles.

He also said that Mrs. Moffat gave him money to help pay Joe's lawyers and that she paid some of the witnesses.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It is however every body to have a reliable safe handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Gibson's drug store.

Notice Advertisers

All advertisements for the Evening Banner and notices of change must be at the office the day before they are to be used.

Advertisements for the Weekly Banner and Reformer and changes of copy must be in the office not later than Tuesday noon of each week and earlier is desirable during the holiday season.

Frank E. Howe.

BAPTIST TREE.

Annual Supper and Exercises Held Tuesday Evening.

The Baptist Sunday school held its annual supper and Christmas tree on Tuesday evening. About 160 people sat down to the first table and the tables were partly filled the second time. After the supper the tree was enjoyed by the members of the school.

A rather novel plan was adopted in regard to the gifts. The names of the members of the school were written on slips and placed in a box. Each scholar drew out a name and made a present to the person whose name was drawn, this present not to exceed ten cents in value.

This furnished a great deal of amusement. W. Cutting was the Santa Claus of the evening. After the presents were disposed of, a social hour was enjoyed by nearly everyone. The tree for the kindergarten department comes this afternoon.

SUICIDE MYSTERY

Lewis Hill Killed Himself for Unknown Reason.

Waterbury, Dec., 30:—The autopsy shows that Lewis Hill whose body was found in a hay loft several days ago committed suicide by taking strychnine.

The record book at Palmer pharmacy shows that on December 24, Hill purchased 15 grains of strychnine and the analysis of his stomach shows the presence of a large quantity of that poison in that organ.

While every effort has been made to ascertain the cause of Hill's death, it remains as great a mystery as ever. He had been married only ten days and seemed very happy. He kissed his wife good bye when he left her Saturday noon, after dinner, and their relations were harmonious.

There was no financial trouble, his financial affairs being in good shape. The only reason that seems at all reasonable is that it was due to some mental trouble.

BLAZE AT MIDDLESEX

Hotel, Barn, Store and Dwelling House Burned Causing A Loss of \$6,000.

Middlesex, Dec. 30:—Fire late yesterday afternoon destroyed the Middlesex hotel and barn and Nicholas's store and dwelling house, which was located next to the hotel.

The fire was discovered in the hotel at 4 o'clock. It spread rapidly and the building was soon a mass of flames. Aid was sent from Montpelier by special train and at six o'clock the fire was under control.

The loss on the hotel and barns was \$6,000. Nicholas estimated his loss at \$3,500, insured.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly For Busy Readers.

Thomas F. Morrissey is on the sick list.

There will be a watch night service in the Methodist church Thursday evening from 9 to 12 o'clock.

The Rev. W. H. Washburne will speak in the chapel on the east road north from this village next Sunday afternoon at 9:30 o'clock.

Next Sunday morning in the Methodist church, the pastor, W. H. Washburne will speak on "Moth Eaten," and in the evening on "Murder."

Mr and Mrs H. W. Myers entertained, at Christmas dinner, on Thursday a number of relatives from out of town. Those present were, Mr and Mrs Robert Watt, of North Adams; Mr and Mrs Charles Moon, of Pownal; Mrs Ella J. Burrington and family, and Arthur Merchant, of Pownal.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes offered for Foley's Honey and Tar. For sale by B. A. Quinlan.

FIRE KILLS TWO MEN

Sixth Serious Blaze in Troy, This Morning.

TWO MEN SUFFOCATED.

Victims were M. T. Clough and William Shaw. Fire was in Rooms of Troy Club.

Troy, Dec. 30:—The sixth big fire to occur in the city of Troy broke out in the rooms of the Troy Club early this morning.

Unlike those that preceded it, it was attended with fatalities and two of Troy's prominent men, Judge Moses T. Clough, and Attorney William Shaw lost their lives by being suffocated by smoke.

The dead bodies of both were found in the hallway of the building, one of the finest in the city, which was entirely destroyed.

CAUGHT A SECOND TIME.

Once Released From Quarantine Only To Get Exposed Again.

George Harwood who has been held at the detention house because exposed to small-pox is in a fix again.

His time of detention expired several days ago but he is doomed to spend 21 days more in confinement. It is charged that he was scuffling with Matthew McQueen who has caused all this trouble by having small-pox and became exposed again.

It was thought best to hold him for another three weeks and he will spend the time in solitary confinement, as all other patients and suspects have been released from quarantine.

LAMP EXPLODED.

Narrow Escape From Fire At George Atwood's On North Street.

What might have been a bad fire was narrowly averted at the home of George Atwood on North st Saturday night.

Mr Atwood heard Miss Nye, one of the boarders, scream and on going to her room found the lamp in pieces and one side of the room in flames. He was able to extinguish the blaze before very much damage was done.

SOUTH DORSET.

Mrs Jeremiah Legarrie is very low with no hopes of recovering. A. L. Bowen is confined to his bed with rheumatism.

Miss Gertrude Burns is visiting relatives in New York.

Mr and Mrs John Carrigan of Bennington spent Christmas with Mrs Ellen Bowen.

Miss Mary Burns is spending the holidays with friends in Bennington. John Blackmer and family spent Christmas in Manchester.

Mrs Elizabeth Burns and her children ate their turkey with her parents in East Dorset.

Wm Tobin has sold his big team to Groat Bros of Arlington.

The little boarder that came to Frank Norton's two months ago did not spend the winter, she died Dec 24th the evening when the whole world was rejoicing over the birth of the Christ child.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of G. E. E. S. Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough, or cold. We also guarantee a 25 cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

J. T. Shurtleff, J. M. Ayres, O. E. Gibson, B. A. Quinlan, Bennington.

C. H. Houghton, North Bennington. C. R. & A. B. Hawkins, So. Shaftsbury. O. E. Adams, Arlington. E. C. Woodworth, C. B. Adams & Co., East Arlington.

A Timely Topic.

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold. For sale by B. A. Quinlan.

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Mrs Percy Comstock of Brooklyn, N. Y. is with her niece, Mrs James Burke on Grand View Street.

Mrs Henrietta Adams is quite ill.

Invitations are out for an Assembly, Tuesday night in Forester's Hall.

Mr and Mrs Frank Hurley and family are again occupying their home on Grand View St.

Mrs Henry Ayers returns to her home in Amboy, Ill., Thursday of this week.

Mr and Mrs E. A. Potter of North Granville, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs Carrie T. Hawks on Union Street.

Mr and Mrs E. Estabrook went to Montpelier Tuesday. Mr Estabrook is on business and Mrs Estabrook will visit her son, Frank.

Charles A. Worden and B. S. Matison spent Christmas with Mr and M. B. A. Worden in Hoosick Falls.

Misses Linda and Ada Bahan spent Christmas with friends in Hoosick Falls.

St. Mary's Guild will serve its bi-monthly supper at the Parish House on Thursday at six o'clock.

John McCormack is confined to the house by an attack of Lumbago.

Mrs Putnam of Jacksonville is visiting Mrs Long for a few days.

Miss Clara Andrews who has been quite ill is able to be out.

Mrs M. C. Klock left this morning for New York to be absent about a week.

C. B. Carberry of the Boston Post is in town today.

Miss Nellie Newton spent Wednesday in Hoosick Falls.

Treasurer W. D. Forbes of the Bennington Security company is spending the holiday season with friends in New York.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Ella Bond of Montpelier to Stewart Andrews of Boston. Bond is youngest sister of Mrs A. W. Varney of this village.

Wendell L. Wilson and family have been spending a portion of the holiday season with relatives in Arlington.

R. H. Waker, for several years engineer at the Hale Manufacturing company plant in East Arlington has taken a like position at one of the mills in this village and will assume his duties Monday, January fourth.

The officers of G. A. Custer post will be installed Saturday evening.

Mrs J. E. Walbridge is expected home from Barnbridge, O., this week.

The annual assembly ball was held in Forester's hall Tuesday evening. The hall was very prettily decorated with palms. Mrs Geo F. Graves, Mrs C. W. Thatcher, and Mrs H. S. Bingham constituted the reception committee. About 60 people were present.

Refreshments were served by Lucas of Troy. Goldsmith's orchestra furnished the music and dancing was enjoyed till a late hour.

Mr and Mrs H. H. Kreider of Annville, Pa., are visiting their daughter, Mrs J. D. Stehmen.

Supt. A. W. Varney and wife have returned from a brief visit in New York.

The hot water heater at the Y. M. C. A. sprung a leak Wednesday morning. This has been in service a good while and is practically worn out and will necessitate installing a new heater.

Miriam lodge has been invited to work the degree at the institution of Crescent Rebekah lodge at South Shaftsbury the evening of January 6.

The members of Miriam lodge of Rebekah will meet in their lodge rooms Friday evening, January 1, for drill, under the leadership of Mr Frost. This drill is preparatory to working the degree at South Shaftsbury, January 8th.

The local lodge of Elks will enjoy its customary New Year's spread tomorrow evening.

Miss Mamie Malone of Troy is visiting friends in town.

Miss Frances E. Stillson, cashier of The Coverthwait Company of Brooklyn, is home for New Year's week.

H. L. Stillson was one of the guests of honor of Edward C. White of New York, at Bridgeport, Conn., Christmas night, at the opening performance of "The Triumph of an Empress."

Mildred Holland's new play in which she takes the role of Catherine the Great of Russia. Miss Holland appears at Wallack's in the Metropolitan in January, after three weeks' at the Majestic in Boston.